

REMARKS

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action of February 13, 2006. Claims 1 and 3-6 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 3-6 were rejected in the Office Action as allegedly being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,535,503 (hereinafter "Newman"). Independent Claim 1 was amended to more particularly recite Applicants' invention. Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection, as explained in more detail below.

Amended Claim 1 is directed to a stator installation jig having a plurality of projecting members penetrating through a single elongated gap formed between a connector and an outer periphery of the supported stator. When the stator is supported by the stator installation jig, projecting members project above the ring-shaped stator. Projecting members form a plurality of grooves such that the stator coil wires which are strung between the connector parts and the plurality of magnetic pole protuberances are carried over the projecting members and between the plurality of grooves thereby imparting slack to the stator coil wires while preventing the stator coil wires from crossing.

Newman fails to disclose at least the limitation of the "the stator installation jig, comprising a plurality of projecting members penetrating through a single elongated gap that is formed between the connector and the outer periphery of the stator and projecting above the ring-shaped stator."

Thus, Applicants believe that current independent Claim 1 is not anticipated by Newman and is in a condition for allowance. Claims 3-6 depend from Claim 1 and therefore include the same limitations therein. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 3-6 are patentable over the prior art of record.

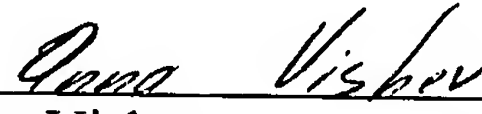
The Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned counsel at the number noted below if it will advance the prosecution of this application, or with any suggestion to resolve any condition that would impede allowance. In the event that any extension of time is required, Applicant petitions for that extension of time required to make this response timely. Kindly charge any additional fee, or credit any surplus, to Deposit Account No. 50-0675, Order No. 051319-0048.

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